formerly represented Amtorg, the salaried man on the S. W. O. C. in sofiet trading agency, on the Pacific colst. At present he works with Gebert in the Pittsburgh district.

George Powers, alias Morris Powers, former district organizer of the regional director of the C. I. O. who is now a district director of the for the communist party, who is on Develoran. Pittsburgh district or Develoran. Seel Workers' Organization committee of the C. I. O. in Pittsburgh, at large calary. Jess Gonzales, Mexican, member of

the communist party and full time

Pittsburgh Eleanor Rye, colored, an organizar

pay roll in Pittsburgh.

Shane Steel Organizer. (
Tom Shane, member of the communist party and a full time C. I. O. organizer on the steel workers' pay

poll in Pittsburgh.

Doyle Glormer, reporter for the communist People's Press, who is on the pay roll of the S. W. O. C. Paul Glaser, attorney for the se tion committee of the communist party, who is a full salaried member of the S. W. O. C. staf and spends much time with Van Bittner in Chicago.

Peter Chapa, for years a communist organizer who is now a full time S. W. O. C. organizer at Gary.

reporting directly to Van Bittner.
Ruth Chapa, wife of Peter Chapa, paid by the S. W. O. C. to do missionary work in the homes of Span-

ish steel workers.
Alfredo Abillo, member of the communist party at South Chicago and a paid S. W. O. C. organizer among Mexicans in that section.

Hansen, first name unknown, who is a member of the communist party at Chicago Heights and a full time

S.W.O.C. organizer.

Charles Genry, member of the communist party and a part time S.W. .C. organizer in South Chicago.
Leonides McDonald, Negro con nunist leader who is on the pay roll f the S.W.O.C. at Indiana Harbor. Mike Ostroski, member of the com-

manist party who is on the S.W.O.

psy roll in Gary. George A. Patterson, member the communist party on the S.W. O.C. provide in South Chicago.

Joe Cook, member of the communist party and a part time S.W.O.C. or

ganizer for the Young Communist, let gue, who is on the S. W. O. C. paylerol and confers frequently with Louis Majors, member of the com-roll and confers frequently with munist party and on the S. W. O. C. Philip Murray. He is also a close associate of William Z. Foster

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N. Y. Workers School
Announces New
'Consultation Service'

NEW YORK, March 20.—The organization of a "Consultation Service" was announced to-day by the New York Workers School. This service is intended as an aid for persons carrying on independent study through the answering of questions and the solving of difficult problems which have arisen in the course of self-atidy, and the giving of advice and information on methods and courses of study.

Anyone in any part of the country who in the course of self-study has come across a difficult point which requires further explanation, or has a question to be answered, may send the question to the school answer. An authoritative inswer will be sent by the school n return. Those who wish to emiso apply to the Consullation ervice, whereupon they will reeive outlines of study and additional necessary material, dependng on the subject they wish to andy. No fees will be charged by he Workers School for this service, but a self-addressed stamped nvelope must accompany each in-uiry. All letters are to be ad-fressed to the Consultation Serlice, Workers School, 35 East 12th street, New York City.

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In announcing the establishment of this new department the school declared that it is taking this further step along the road of turnishing Markist education for the people, because of the growing interest in theory, and the increasing extent to which independent study is being carried on in every fart of the United States. It is it that the Consultation Service III prove of especially great value to meeting with the study of the Short History of the Communisters of the Communisters of the Soviet Union shortly to be issued.

Commo e lih College Spring Term Starts Soon

MENA, Ark., March 20.—Resident classes will be resumed at Commonwealth College Monday April 3, after a winter devoted to staff research for the purpose of readapting the curriculum to the changing labor scene.

Arrangements are being made for a capacity student body of 60. A number of scholarship subsidies have been assured and inquiries from prospective students are being received from all sections.

Approximately 1 per cent of the more than 4000 Americans who fought in Spain were Commonwealth alumni, and the school is interested in establishing scholarships in the names of those who died. Persons who would consider endowing memorial scholarships are urged to communicate with the college.

Commonwealth is the oldest and largest resident labor school in the country. The current year marks its fifteenth anniversary.

Courses in union methods, political economy, current history, public speaking, parliamentary law, civil liberties, labor drama and other subjects are devised to give basic training to prospective work, ers in the labor field in one quarter; but a nine month course is available.

Each student does 20 hours of industrial work every week A \$50 fee covers his fuition, room, board and laundry service. The school is co-educational

Interested students are invite to communicate with the Directo Commonwealth College Manu MAR 21 1939



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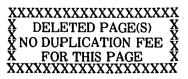




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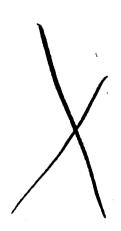


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HEAR TALK ON SHARECROPPING

(Special to the Record)
CINCINNATI, O., April 21
"Sharecropping—a form of hard exercise for the cropper and no other reward" is the way Claude Williams, director of formula wealth College, summed up his description of the "economics" of peonage to an audience at the YVCA.

Williams spoke about the Southern Tenant Farmers Unin which he said was in a transition stage, becoming "a real





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Many individuals are of the opinion that criticism of the YVA is unjust and uncalled for. However, if a father finds his son to be a consistent associate of "bootleggers" he is very much inclined to believe that his son is aiding said "bootleggers" in the distribution or consumption of their wares. This is a more or less natural conclusion. Therefore, when we find the YWCA consistently cooperating with organizations and individuals openly engaged in an attempt to convert our present so-called "capitalist" system into a system of "production for use and not for profit" (pure communism) and advocating a change in our system of government to coincide with the "new social order", the natural conclusion fellows that they are not altogether out of sympathy with the radical program, and especially is this true when we find the YWCA buildings being used as meeting places by organizations advocating these revolutionary changes in society and government.

Chapter of the League for Industrial Democracy held a dinner meeting at the Central YWCA headquarters, 59 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. Norman Thomas was the guest and principal speaker.

advocated a syndicalist program of worker control by which workers would elect their foremen, foremen elect super-intendents, etc., etc. This was too radical for even Thomas who branded it as purely syndicalistic and unworkable.

advocated the building of an eighteen story modern temple to "youth" that would contain every conceivable means of entertainment for the youth to attract them to a center where they could be socialized.

But it remained for the to offer a suggestion that was the climax of the meeting which was to the effect that every teacher belonging to the American Federation of Teachers in Chicago obtain the names and addresses of all students under them in the schools exhibiting liberal tendencies. These names then would be submitted to the Chicago Chapter of the L.I.B. as a mailing list for the circularization of socialist propaganda literature, and after this propaganda campaign had been carried on sufficiently long to thoroughly inoculate the recipients of the literature, organizers of the L.I.D. would approach them and induct them into the "League".

This suggestion was received with enthusiasm and referred to the executive committee for action.

The insidiousness of this program to penetrate the schools with their socialist program needs no further comment.

addressed the National YWCA, a constituent organization of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, at a luncheon given under the auspices of the National Council for Prevention of War.

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The Inta is consistently found in association with radical and pacifist groups, lending its aid by permitting these groups to use the YWCA premises in which to hold their meetings and, in many instances, we find YWCA secretaries providing lecture courses consisting entirely of speakers from radical and pacifist groups.

Therefore, we cannot help but feel that "where there is smoke, there is fire" and the YWLA could do well to "clean house" and eliminate the radical elements creeping into its organization and which will eventually lose for it the support its earlier splendid work entitled it to.

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Recent press reports announce that the Soviet government has begun to sell government railway bond issues directly to American investors by mail and has arranged with the Chase National Bank of New York, the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago and the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for the payment of interest and principle on these bonds in dollars.

The reports state that the sales of these bonds in the United States already run over a hundred thousand dollars. This is quite significant in view of the fact that Russia has no trade treaties or otherwise with the United States. Investors are investing in these Soviet securities at their own risk. This is in direct line with the Soviet program for forcing recognition of their government by the United States through American business men.

Junius B. Wood, in an article appearing in the January 21st issue of the Chicago Daily News, quotes the Moscow "Pravda" (of which Nikolai Bukharin, president of the Communist International, is editor) as follows:

"The Standard Oil company's attack on the Deterding interests is receiving the entire support of the bourgeois American newspapers because it is backed by the Rockefeller millions. Standard and Soviet oil on the Asiatic market means a great strengthening of the American oil trade on the world markets. Deterding charges that the Soviet oil is stolen, but this does not bother America, because American business does not usually operate on moral grounds." (Underscoring ours).

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The Aralgamated Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago has long been a depository of Soviet Russian funds for use in purchasing supplies in Fricago and at least one newspaper has refused to accept their advertisement for this reason.

Russia feels certain that they can attract billions of dollars of American capital to their country for the development of their almost unlimited natural resources. The reason for their confidence is expressed in the "Pravda" statement that "American business does not usually operate on moral grounds". In other words, the bolshevik leaders infer that many of our American capitalists will not hesitate at anything to extend their influence and pile up wealth for themselves. In encouraging the investment of millions of dollars of American money in Soviet concessions at this time, these "financial advisers" are endorsing a very ticklish proposition in view of the fact that Russia has concentrated on this country for recognition knowing that their very existence depends on receiving this recognition.

of their available gold is being used for cash payment of supplies purchased in the United States and the American capitalists are grabbing at the bait held out to them in the form of valuable Russian concessions, minerals in particular, thus supplying the communist regime with the wherewithall to extend their program for world revolution. Millions of dollars are annually spent in the United States in propagandizing for Russian recognition.

The Amterg Trading Corporation, the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce and the Soviet Union Information Pureau spend their entire time in issuing statistics on the "sound"(?) economic conditions of the Soviet government. Thousands of tourists have been entertained at the expense of the communist government this year for the purpose of converting them into propagandists for Russian recognition. Many of our representatives in Congress have been converted in favor of Russian recognition. Industrial corporations having Soviet concessions, in order to protect their investments, will undoubtedly bring pressure to bear upon the government for recognition of Russia which promises to be one of the issues during this term of Congress.

The Russian government is not stable and one of its chief lines of propaganda is that it has departed from communism and is rapidly adopting capitalist tactics, abandoning its program of world revolution.

This is the "false front" being used to blind our financial interests. While putting forth this front, the income derived from the capitalist investments in Russian concessions is being used to create an anti-American feeling in the Latin and Central American republics, in the Philippines, Eaiti, Cuba, Virgin Islands, Hawaii and all other American possessions. The Communist Party and press in America is also being subsidized by money supplied by these "capitalist ventures" in the land of communism. One of the greatest dangers that we face from these activities in venturing into the forbidden territory, as it were, is a great war. Soviet Russia, when she has obtained billions of dollars of investments to put her natural resource industries on a sound operating basis, will more than likely (as was done before) ran all of the investors out of Soviet Russia and take possession of all equipment installed by foreign investors and then laugh at them and tell them to "try and collect". In this event there will be a great howl put up by American interests who have become heavily involved in Russian projects and the demand will be that the United States government protect capital investments in Russia.

The recent breaking off of trade relations with Russia by England, and the general turmoil in all European countries that can be directly traced back to Soviet Russia, should be sufficient warning to this country to repudiate any program of recognition of Russia at this time.

analysis will more than likely be received on just that basis. Nevertheless, we feel that the warning should be issued and be given due consideration by every reader of this bulletin so that a united effort may be made to bring pressure to bear to offset the influences at work to bring about recognition of Soviet Russia in Congress.

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We now have with us the "American Committee on Information About the Soviet Union". It cannot as yet be definitely proved that this is the product of the fertile brains of the communists, but we feel no hesitancy in saying that even though it may not be a division of the Workers (Communist) Party of America, its purposes are so identical that we are minded to exclaim "What's

of course this committee does not want to endorse comminism., It they do want to bring the facts(?) about the Soviet government before the American public. It is significant that this is incidentally what the communists are striving with might and main to do at this time, viz: bring the facts(?) about Soviet Russia before the American public.

It should be of particular interest to note that of the Chicago schools is one of these open propagandists for Soviet Bussia and communism. Parents should "appreciate" having their children

subjected to these influences in public schools.

The "Commonwealth College Fortnightly" of January 15, 1928, (official bulletin of Commonwealth College at Mena, Ark.) is headed as follows:

"Commonwealth May Close May 1. Promised Funds are Unavailable."

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The article then states that "the American Fund for Public Service (Garland Fund) has refused to release allocations made several years ago and the school finds itself unable to complete the capital equipment which will make it self-supporting. With the present equipment, Commonwealth runs a deficit of \$2500 a year".

"Shortly after Commonwealth moved to its present location in 1925, the American Fund for Public Service sent Chinton Golden to investigate the institution. As a result of his investigation, the Fund allocated funds on a budget which was to meet the expense of completing the plant. The Commoners accepted this plan in good faith and went to work. From that time until May, 1926, the Fund supplied money for buildings and maintenance equipment. The budget provided for the building of a dam on Mill Creek and the installation of a power plant and workshop. With this equipment the school could have earned its own way. But when Commonwealth asked for the sum set aside for the hydro-electric plant, which was the very heart of the industrial plant for self-support, the Fund refused to release it. No reason was given for the refusal."

This would indicate that the reports prevalent during 1927 that the Garland Fund was exhausted, were true. Apparently the Garland Fund has been unable to collect large loans that have been outstanding and as a result are unable to fulfill their obligation to Commonwealth College.

This is indeed good news and if the College is unable to raise the necessary finances to complete their plant, the country will be well rid of one more radical stronghold where some of the faculty are openly I.W.W.

Mena Labor College Fined For 'Anarchy'

Vicious Court Action Arouses Protest in Arkansas

MENA, Ark., Sept. 27.—All friends of labor were called upon foday to come to the assistance of Commonwealth College now under attack by Southern bourbons and reaction-aries, by Nathan Oser, director of the school, when it was made known that the college had been fined 2,500 on an "anarchy" charge, to pe paid within the next ten days. If an appeal to the circuit court is not made within ten days, Justice Clem Brown of the Justice of Peace Court will be free to issue an ateachment on school property.

Pined on the three counts of "anarchy," on charges of failure to display the American flag and illegal display of hammer and sickle, which has been on the flag for 17 years, the college has been attacked for the past few months by the worst

reactioneries in the state.

The fine was imposed "in absentia" after Nathar Oser, his as-eistant, Kenneth B. Balbridge, and their attorney. C. A. Stanfield, walked out of the court when they were refused a motion for a change of venue.

Director Oser is out on \$1,000 bail and has received several threats of vigilante violence. A defense fund has been set up to fight this reactionary attack. A wire campaign to Gwernor Balley has been started, protesting this assault on the civil rights of labor and educators in the Bouth.

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1933 has been a spectacular year at Commonwealth College, but it has been a year of steady progress. The work of the school, academic and industrial, has been improved. Excellment for the year was about average, altho it has become increasingly difficult for sorting class statents to raise the relatively low tuition fee.

Increased efficiency in industrial work has been brought about party by additions to plant and equipment. A new barn was built, new tools and implements purchaseds plans torses, harness, etc., were bought. The farm was greatly improved, and the school see has more acres under cultivation than ever before. The financial report for the year should that the farm farmished 57 per cent of the food consumed by the group, as against 50 per

or was a fundamental the Timescal situation of the school chinged very little, if at all during the year, Carconvealth has always operated on a small cash budget; and this amount was raised no more easily in 1935 than in previous years. It is interesting to note, however, that whereas tuitions in 1932 were 55 per cent of the total income, tuitions in 1933 sere only 40 percent of the total. In 1938 4 antique made up 30 per cent of the income; in 1938 Constions

The personnel of the faculty has remained practically unchanged for the past three years, and these teachers have, of course, increased their efficiency. As Frilan students and students of the current situation, they have shown steady leftward progress, and as the have clarifled their own thinking they have been able to contribute more and more to the labor stmostphere of the school.

The curriculum has been improved from year to year, and a constant effort is made to adapt the training at Commonwealth to the mosts of active workers in the movement. aim is to give the student not only a theoretical background but to add as much as possible to his actual knowledge. - Commonwealth classes are not open forums, wherein soullisting points of view are given an equal opportunity. The class struggle is taken for granted biteralism is ruled out. The teacher takes hisstand on the side of the sorking class. Zaterial is interpreted from the point of view of scientific socialism.

An unflagging effort is made to imbue each student with the motion that radical activity is the only activity now-a-days worth his consideration and that in the labor movement he will find maple entlet for all his energies and sufficient opportunity to exercise whatever talents kex he may have or can develop. In other worker dumonwealth aims to train

Partly because of our location and partly because of the type political work receives the grentest emphasis, altho trade-union organization ways entropy work, educational work, etc., are not neglected. (1) Labor drama has had considerable attention at componenth.

skits are frequently presented at the school. Componwealth teachers subject the school Chort/labor state and written a master of these short plays, suitable for presentation by sorting-class groups, and during the past two years, there have been at least two hundred presentations in part parts of the mation, of these plays.

Commonwealth keeps in close touch with the Albor hor merens, even though the achoel in situated in the Ocark Mountains, far from Industrial conters. During 1935 & delegation went from the school to Corinth, Miss., and there attempted to organize the workers of a elething mill. Members of the delegation were threatend with death and finally was escorted out of loss by a mob of several hundred armed thoughtired by the mill Dane

Commencealth sent delegations to the "Free for Mooney" concerence in Chicago, grees against for in New York, the Continental Congress in Machington, and the Estimal Parests' Bellef Conference in Chicago

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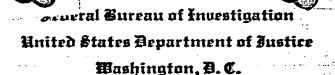
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Hr. Beughna.

At a meeting of the District Department AFGE last evening at the Hamilton Hotel Lucien Roch, former Director of Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkenses was decided for the third time a rest as a delegate of Arbor Locke #12 by rots of 87 to 87. Mr. Koch is employed as an economistion the Department of Labor.

Losges voting with Labor Lodge #10 were #3, #31, #35, #58, #129, #155 and #200. Noch denied being a Communist. When asked whether he believed in the American form of government he stated "I believe in the possibilities of America". He also stated that he attended the University of Wisconsin prior to going to Arkansas and that he was a member of the faculty in Wisconsin.

With reference to this metter, Majorine recently published an article concerning Commonwealth College and the statement was made by Mr. Ports that the American Federation of Labor executive council is now considering a setition to investigate Liverty as being unfair to organized labor.

Mr. Koch's defense included the stetement that the Arkensas Joint Legislative Corrittee of the Arkensas General Assembly did not report the hearings correctly or truthfully. During a talk by Mr. Custer he observed that this statement by Mr. Koch as a reflection upon the honesty and integrity of Majority Leader Joe Robinson and Senator Caraway from Arkansas, as well as other prominent political representatives of that State. Koch was very evasive in his answers to questions and attempted to mislead the gathering by indicating that not only was the transcript not truthful but that the manner of the inquiry was unfair and hostile, a typical radical defense.

condensed transcript of the testimony, were distributed to those present. A copy of this release is attached.

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Against

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Near Mena, Arkansas

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Taken Before The

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMPLTYEE OF THE

ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

February-Larch, 1935

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The investigation of Commonwealth College by a joint committee of the

to learn whether that institution is being used for the teaching of others free love, and communism. Also whether complete social equality of blacks with whites was being advocated.

The question as to atheism was quickly answered. Lucien Koch, head of the college, and the other teachers swore that they did not believe in Cod.

One teacher impudently asked the Committee - "What is Cod?"

However, all of these teachers took without objection the oath as witness to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, SO HELF COD." From these two things their credibility may well be judged.

The enswer to the question as to free love practiced is to be found in testimony covering ten years of the existence of the college. It begins with the testimony of a deputy sheriff at Mena who swore to making the arrests of two of the men students and the detaining of their women, also students. He said he found these four sleeping in a large room with more than a dozen other couples. These couples were paired off on pallets and were in their night clothes.

A neighbor, a farmer, swore that during the summer of 1934 he saw men; end girl students of the college swimming naked in a creek adjoining the college and that, afterward, he saw them having intercourse naked on the bank of

The testimony was to the effect that during these ten years, in fact from the start of the college, Lucien Koch was a student there.

There was much testimony as to the activities of members of Commonwealth college in aiding joint organizations of blacks and whites, in which negroes were among the officers and whose meetings were held in negro churches.

The testimeny is voluminous that comminism is being taught in the followed by many teachers. However, all these teachers insisted that they aid not espouse, but only expounded it. They are like physicians who would pose a well person to smallpox and then watch, with "intellectual curiosity" to see whether it took.

And testimony is to the effect that it did take. One sister swore to effect of it on two of her brothers, both going there as "ordinary country," boys" and coming out confirmed atheists and communists. The older brother, buth a woman student, with whom he had been living at Commonwealth, to

The younger brother, a boy of fourteen, was first shocked at the "living together" of the men and women students, "then pitied, then embraced it." equality, social, political and economical.

Special attention is called to the statement of Lucien Korh (p.5) regarding the preparations at Commonwealth College "To build revolutionary students' and teachers' organizations in the colleges of the State of

The joint committee reported unenimously that, while they could find no positive testimony that the overthrow of the government by force and violence was actually being advocated at Commonwealth College the jeachers in soft of the case of the property denying that such is the case), "their militant actions in fostering and agitating dissention by strikes and otherwise ever the state are extremely redical and close to the border line."

They recommended that a close check be kept hereafter put he memons the principles they advocate are urged to be put into lefter they be properly and if such teaching and principles tend towing the memons that they present constituted government through violence and force or may be present criminal laws now in effect.

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FROM THE TESTIMONY TAKEN BEFORE THE JOINT INVESTIGATING

COLLITTEE

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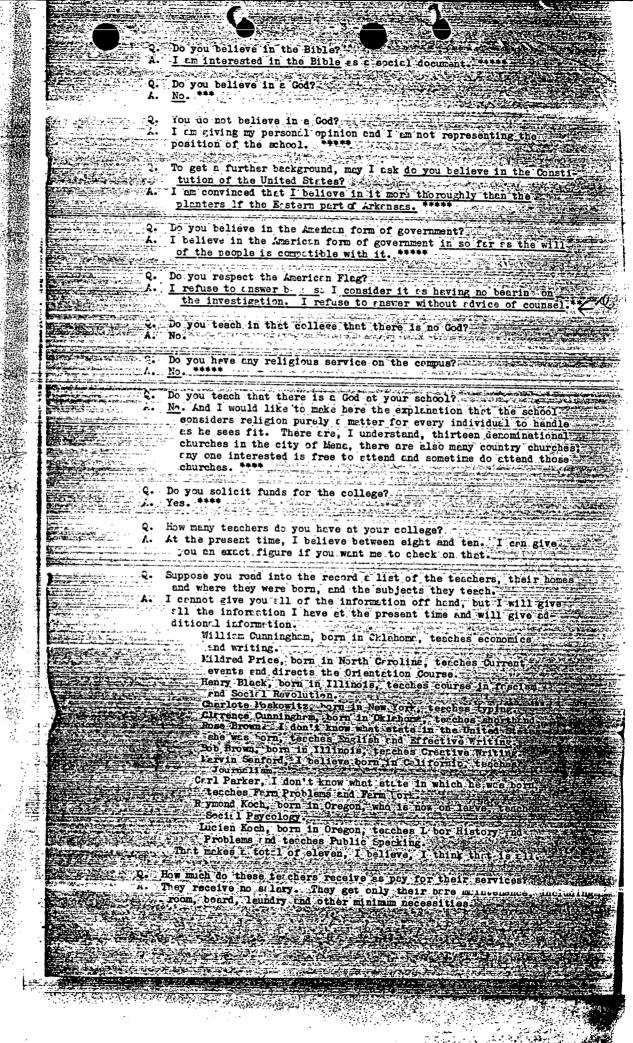
- Q. Did you teach any subjects in the University of Wisconsin?
 - I taught Greek Sociology. I specialized in the social and political and economical problems of Greek faction.
- Q. The founded the Commonwealth College-in Louisiana?
- A. There were three people primarily responsible for the founding of Commonwealth, the person providing most of the initiative was Dr. W. E. Zeuch, and associate founders were Kate Richards O'Hare, now named Mrs. Katheleen Cunningham, and the third person was Harold V. Brown. They were responsible for organizing the school and contacting the other teachers and getting the students.
 - Where is Dr. Zeuch?
- A. Dr. Zeuch is now chief of the Planning Division of the Subsistence Homesstead of the Department of Interior in Washington, one of the "Brain."

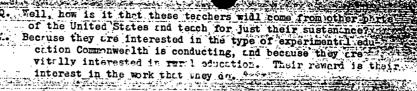
 Trusts". *****
- Q. Maere is Kate Richards O'Hare, known as Mrs. Kathleen Cunningham?
- A. Now living in C-lifornic, and the last I knew was living in Pasadenc. **
- Did Dr. Zeuch break with the College here at Menn?
- A. No, he continued his connection with the college when it moved to Mene, and served as the director up to July, 1831. ******
- . Then what position did he take after that?
- A. At that time he left on a Guggenheim Fellowship for Europe and that marked his permanent reak with the Commonwealth College.
- Q: Then, I want to know if there was a difference of opinion with reference to Commonwealth College and if so what was the difference that exused
 - the breek?

 Dr. Zeuch was forced out of the Commonwealth College Association very there were differences between himself and the other members procumon wealth Association. The major difference of opinion was Zauch's Instability to work with other people. This caused the other members to come dissetisfied end to act in such a maner as to sever completaty.
- Q. Now, what is signified by the use of the name of Commonwealth College How did it get its name?
- A: I don't know just who proposed this name, or how this name of 7 common was accepted. I presume the three people I named decided upon this mind. I am not sure of the significance that the three had in their mind, by probably it worked toward a greater equality in the distribution of
 - Netional wealth.

direction from bent wher Nov your college is located in and how fer? It is located on the Tellihine Highway, which I pelleve is West of Menc about eleven miles from Menc. a mary come of lead do you have out blanc? And how many buildings do you have? Approximately two dozen, including dormitories, library, classrooms, laundry, kitchen, Commonwealth store, et ceterc. Is the plant fully paid for? Yes, there is no indebtedness on our plant. Would you state the organizations contributing to the school? The large grant, I believe, approximately \$27,000.00 came from Ά. the "Fund for Public Service" with offices in New York City; Carnegie Fund of New York contributed \$5,000.00, and several contributions were made by Mrs. Lecnard Elmhurst Committee. Contributions were also forthcoming from several local and national trade Unions. Please name them. International Ledies' Garment Workers Union, Hoziery Workers Union Amelgemeticn Cotton Workers of America. There are others too, but I do not recall them right now. I might also say that contributions have been made by the Torkingmen's Circle. Were there any contributions by your school by what is known as the "Garland Fund"? The "Garland Fund" is "The Fund for Public Service." When and how much? I stated previously that we received approximately \$27,000.001, I believe in the year 1925. We could check on this. We are receiving from the "Fund for Public Service " \$500.00 this year. How many students are there at Commonwealth at this time? Around 30, which includes tuition paying students, and maintenance students. ***** I notice that there is only one student in your college from Arkenses. Yes, that would be James Fulks. We have another student that is omitted from this list, that is Isabella Carson from Arkansas. Are any of these students financed by any organizations that contribute to your college? Will you please trke this list and state the name of the organizetions that are sending these students to college and what compensation they are contributing toward the education of this student? connot inswer that in detail but the Federal Spergency Relief Association is financing four scholarships at Commonwealth Col 1858. Some schol rehips are being provided by the Internetional Ledies Germent orkers Union. These fre organizations es i Are you's member of any church?

I was brought up in the Presbyterian Church, but at present was rought up in the Presbyterian Church, but at present lime I do not consider myself a member of any church, although I some time attend church when I consider the lecturer and somethic interesting to say. Why did you quit the Presbytericn Church? I did not simply quit the Presbyterien Church, it was a gradual development during which time my interest in attending church we substituted by other and more compellint interests. Do you believe in the Bible? I am not sufficiently acquainted with the Bible to state whether not I believe in the Bible. I believe however, I would have many disagreements with presences continued in the Bible.





- Is your school primerily a school for labor problems? No. Our subjects include ε field of the sociεl study. Of course labor problems is one interesting espect of that entire field. Frank Francis
- Do you believe in Communism?
- I have an intellectual curiosity towards Communism, as I have cn intellectual curiosity towards all other opinions including Capitalism, Facism, et cetera. ****
- Do you believe in Copitalism?
- I do not believe in Copitalism, es it is now operated.
- Q. Do you teach as a principle in your school Communism? A Comment Just what do you meen by Communism? Do you meen do we present the position of the Communistic Perty? Prince was been been and

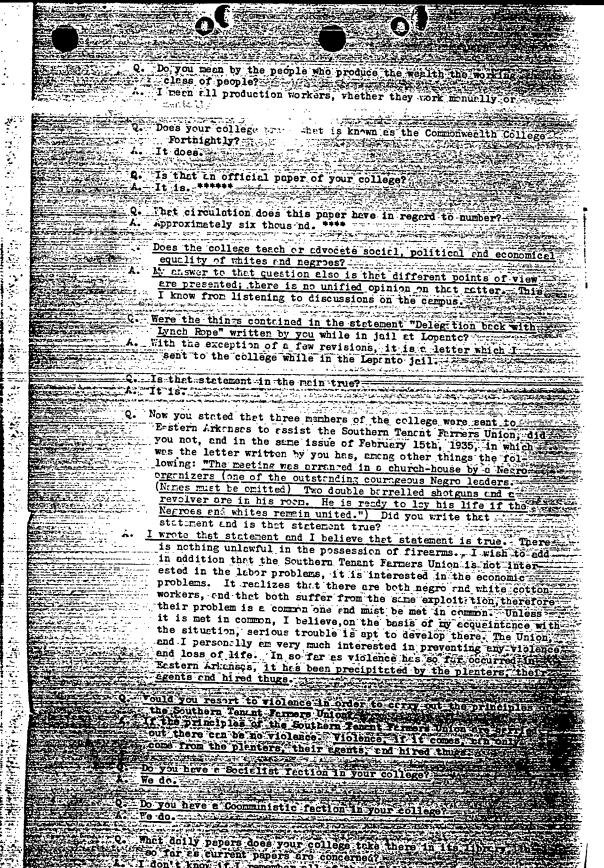
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- positions of ell other political organizations, including the Republic and Democratic Parties. In other words, Cormonwealth is a cross-section of free speech, public opinion and free public "e believe in the fearless pursuit of this truth discussion. errived at on the besis of all evidence available.
 - Do you present the theory of Copitalism in your school?
 - We do. ****
 - Do you believe in Capitalism, as you understand it? I do not.
- Communist is a philosophy or a school of thought which had its origin with the rise of Kerl Mrx.
 - Is that your enswer?
 - Yes, is that satisfactory?
- Q. It is not. Would you care to elucidate on your personal view of Com-William of the control of the contro munism with reference to social equality, with reference to the downfell of Cepitalism? As to ownership of property? Communism is an indefinite term, therefore, I think it will be more helpful to shift the discussion to the Communistic Perty. It believes in social and economic equality. It believes in the downfell of C pitelism, and in the establishment of aworkers Union I am not a member of the Communistic Party, but I am very much interested in its program and in its position, as I am interested

- in all other political organizations. Question. Do you own on proparty individually, and do you believe the individual ownership of property?
 - Lown very little property individually. It slieve that the the for our cividization to be preserved and further developed
- And who would be the collective individuels owning the prope The people.

A SELECTION OF PROPERTY

- How would you establish a collective ownership of property, and people do you have reference to when you say the people your I have no personal belief as to how the establishment of collect ייל בי מיביר בי מינילמים מיניליים מיניליים
 - people who produce wealth in the first place, the



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